

HELENA OPEN LANDS MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NOTES

September 14, 2010

Room 326, City-County Building
5:35 P.M.

Chair Mary Arnold called the meeting to order. A quorum was present: Mary Arnold, Lois Olson, Sarah Carlson, Brad Langsather, Corey Baker, Greta Dige, Dan Barnhardt (HCC), Dawn North

MINUTES

The August 10, 2010, minutes were approved as corrected to make note of the MCC work done on replacing missing trail signs and removal of some barb wire fence.

REPORTS

Parks and Recreation Natural Resource Coordinator:

Brad discussed the archery range relocation via a map with extensive discussion following, and the actual work starting after approval from the State Historic Preservation Office and the Bureau of Land Management. An Eagle Scout will be working on a portion of the archery range fence. The Narrate Church is ready to start work again on their volunteer projects. He also reviewed a potential Mount Ascension land donation from Prickly Pear Land Trust. **It was moved and seconded to support the Prickly Pear Land Trust's acquisition and ultimate transfer to the city of lots 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and Arrowroot lot on Mount Ascension. Motion carried unanimously.**

Brad reported the Helena area is first in the state of the number of beetles trapped and will continue collection until October 1. The next fuel thinning project will start on Mount Helena in October. Brad expects the NCCC crew to arrive in May 2011 and be in Helena for two months under the contractor's supervision. He reported on his grant applications and some future projects.

Trails: Tubbs trailhead, archery range, and Davis Gulch have been sprayed for weeds through a RAC grant. Volunteers did weed pulling and trimmed branches at Nature Park and ended up with 2300 pounds of weeds/garbage. The stem boring weevil sites are doing well on Mount Ascension and Nature Park. Greta will continue to collect beneficial weed-eating insects as chemicals become more difficult to use in spraying. Weed complaints have dropped off.

Cultural Resources: none

Wildlife: none

Forestry: none

Mary suggested the subcommittees come up with specific projects they want to see accomplished next year for the October meeting for next year's work plan development.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 12, 2010

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Greta's updated fuel treatment map; subcommittee projects for next year's work plan

Carol Kirkland
Recorder